The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, more than one-third of children and more than two-thirds of adults are overweight or obese in the United States; and

WHEREAS, obesity is associated with numerous health problems, including Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, stroke, colon, esophageal and kidney cancer, Alzheimer's disease, depression, kidney disease, liver disease, asthma, sleeping disorders and arthritis; and

WHEREAS, obesity is a national epidemic that kills more than 110,000 Americans and costs more than \$150 billion in health care each year; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is 19th in obesity state rankings with nearly 15 percent of children and 29 percent of adults obese; and

WHEREAS, obesity is preventable and curable; a federal program called 'Let's Move' was established to focus parents, communities, schools and corporations on helping children exercise more and eat healthier to tackle the obesity epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 2012 as "Let's Move Centre County Month" and urges everyone to get involved in this important initiative to ensure a healthy future for our children.

ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2012

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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